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# Pseudo-Boson Coherent and Fock States

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## Abstract

Coherent states (CS) for non-Hermitian systems are introduced as eigenstates of pseudo-Hermitian boson annihilation operators. The set of these CS includes two subsets which form bi-normalized and bi-overcomplete system of states. The subsets consist of eigenstates of two complementary lowering pseudo-Hermitian boson operators.

Explicit constructions are provided on the example of one-parameter family of pseudo-boson ladder operators. The wave functions of the eigenstates of the two complementary number operators, which form a bi-orthonormal system of Fock states, are found to be proportional to new polynomials, that are bi-orthogonal and can be regarded as a generalization of standard Hermite polynomials.

## 1 Introduction

In the last decade a growing interest is shown in the non-Hermitian  $PT$ -symmetric (or pseudo-Hermitian) quantum mechanics. For a review with an enlarged list of references see the recent papers [1, 2]. This trend of interest was triggered by the papers of Bender and coauthors [3], where the Bessis conjecture about the reality and positivity of the spectrum of Hamiltonian  $H = p^2 + x^2 + ix^3$  was proven ('using extensive numerical and asymptotic studies') and argued that the reality of the spectrum is due to the unbroken  $PT$ -symmetry. The Bessis–Zinn Justin conjecture about the reality of the spectrum of the  $PT$ -symmetric Hamiltonian  $p^2 - (ix)^{2\nu}$  for  $\nu \geq 1$  has been proven in Ref. [4]. A criterion for the reality of the spectrum of non-Hermitian  $PT$ -symmetric Hamiltonians is provided in Ref. [5]. Mustafazadeh [6] has soon noted that all the  $PT$ -symmetric non-Hermitian Hamiltonians studied in the literature belong to the class of pseudo-Hermitian

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Hamiltonians. A Hamiltonian  $H$  was said to be pseudo-Hermitian if it obeys the relation [6]

$$H^\# := \eta^{-1} H^\dagger \eta = H, \quad (1)$$

where  $\eta$  is an invertible Hermitian operator.  $H^\#$  was called  *$\eta$ -pseudo-Hermitian conjugate* to  $H$ , shortly  *$\eta$ -pseudo-adjoint* to  $H$ . The  $PT$ -symmetric Hamiltonian  $H = p^2 - (ix)^{2\nu}$ , examined in Refs. [3, 4], obeys (1) with  $\eta$  equal to the parity operator  $P$ . The spectrum of a diagonalizable pseudo-Hermitian  $H$  is either real or comes in complex conjugate pairs. A diagonalizable (non-Hermitian) Hamiltonian  $H$  has a real spectrum iff it is pseudo-Hermitian with respect to positive definite  $\eta$  [7]. In terms of  $P$  and  $T$  operations the reality of the spectrum of  $H$  occurs if the  $PT$  symmetry is exact (not spontaneously broken) (see e.g. Refs. [1, 2] and references therein). In fact many of the later developments in the field are anticipated in the paper by Scholtz et al [8] (see comments in Ref. [1]).

In the present paper we address the problem of construction of pseudo-Hermitian boson (shortly pseudo-boson) creation and annihilation operators and related Fock states and coherent states (CS). For pseudo-fermion system ladder operator CS have been introduced by Cherbal et al [11] on the example of two-level atom interacting with a monochromatic em field in the presence of level decays. For non-Hermitian  $PT$ -symmetric system CS of Gazeau-Klauder type have been constructed, on the example of Scarf potential, by Roy et al [9]. Annihilation and creation operators in non-Hermitian (supersymmetric) quantum mechanics were considered by Znojil [13]. For the bosonic  $PT$  symmetric singular oscillator (which depicts a double series of real energy eigenvalues) [14] ladder operators and eigenstates of the annihilation operators have been built up by Bagchi and Quesne [15]. Our main aim here is the construction of overcomplete families (in fact bi-overcomplete) of ladder operator CS for pseudo-bosons. The problem of pseudo-boson ladder operators is considered in section 2. In the third section we consider the construction of eigenstates of pseudo-boson number operators. The pseudo-boson CS are introduced and discussed in section 4. Explicit example of pseudo-boson ladder operators and related eigenstates is provided and briefly commented in section 5. Outlook over the main results is given in the Conclusion.

## 2 Pseudo-boson ladder operators

With the aim to construct pseudo-Hermitian boson (shortly *pseudo-boson*) coherent states (CS) we address the problem of ladder operators that are *pseudo-adjoint* to each other. In analogy with the pseudo-Hermitian fermion (phermion) annihilation and creation operators [10] the  $\eta$ -pseudo-boson ladder operators  $b$ ,  $b^\# := \eta^{-1} b^\dagger \eta$  can be defined by means of the commutation relation

$$[b, b^\#] \equiv bb^\# - b^\#b = 1. \quad (2)$$

If  $\eta = 1$  the standard boson operators  $a$ ,  $a^\dagger$  are recovered.

From (2) it follows that the pseudo-Hermitian (pseudo-selfadjoint) operator  $b^\# b \equiv N$  commutes with  $b$  and  $b^\#$  according to

$$[b, N] = b, \quad [b^\#, N] = -b^\#, \quad (3)$$

and could be regarded as *pseudo-boson number operator*. For a pair of non-Hermitian operators  $b, \tilde{b}$  with commutator  $[b, \tilde{b}] = 1$ , the existence of  $\eta$  such that  $\tilde{b} = \eta^{-1} b^\dagger \eta \equiv b^\#$ , stems from the existence of  $b$ -vacuum. We have the following

**Proposition 1.** If the operators  $b$  and  $\tilde{b}$  and a state  $|0\rangle$  satisfy

$$[b, \tilde{b}] = 1, \quad b|0\rangle = 0, \quad (4)$$

then  $\tilde{b}$  is  $\eta$ -adjoint to  $b$  with

$$\eta = \sum_{n=0} |\varphi_n\rangle \langle \varphi_n|, \quad (5)$$

where  $|\varphi_n\rangle$  are eigenstates of  $N' = b^\dagger \tilde{b}^\dagger$ .

**Proof.** Note first that the non-Hermitian operator  $N = \tilde{b}b$  is diagonalizable and with real and discrete spectrums. Its eigenstates can be constructed acting on the  $b$ -vacuum by the operators  $\tilde{b}$  correspondingly (see the next section). The spectrum of a diagonalizable non-Hermitian operator  $H$  is real iff  $H$  is  $\eta$ -pseudo-Hermitian (theorem of Ref. [6]), and this  $\eta$  may be chosen as a sum of projectors onto the eigenstates of  $H^\dagger$  [6]. In our cases  $H = N$  and  $H^\dagger = N^\dagger = b^\dagger \tilde{b}^\dagger$ . This ends the proof of the Proposition 1.

For the sake of completeness however we provide in the next section the construction (and brief discussion) of the eigenstates of  $N, N'$ .

**Remark.** A similar Proposition can be formulated and proved for a pair of non-Hermitian nilpotent operators  $g, \tilde{g}, g^2 = 0$  with anticommutator  $\{g, \tilde{g}\} = 1$ : just replace  $b, \tilde{b}, [b, \tilde{b}]$  with  $g, \tilde{g}, \{g, \tilde{g}\}$ .

### 3 Pseudo-boson Fock states

The eigenstates of pseudo-boson number operators  $N = \tilde{b}b$  can be constructed acting on the ground states  $|0\rangle$  by the raising operator  $\tilde{b}$ :

$$|\psi_n\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n!}} \tilde{b}^n |0\rangle, \quad (6)$$

$$N|\psi_n\rangle = \tilde{b}b|\psi_n\rangle = n|\psi_n\rangle. \quad (7)$$

However in view of  $\tilde{b} \neq b^\dagger$  these number states are not orthogonal. It turned out that a *complementary pair* of pseudo-boson ladder operators and number operator exist, such that the system of the two complementary sets of number states form the so-called *bi-orthogonal and bi-complete sets*. Indeed, if  $\tilde{b}$  is

creating operator related to  $b$ , then, on the symmetry ground, we could look for new operators  $b'$  for which  $b^\dagger$  is the creating operator,

$$[b', b^\dagger] = 1. \quad (8)$$

The pairs of "prime"-ladder operators  $b', b'^\dagger$  is just  $\tilde{b}^\dagger, b^\dagger$ , and the "prime" number operator is

$$N' = b'^\dagger b' = b^\dagger \tilde{b}. \quad (9)$$

The eigenstates of  $N'$  are constructed in a similar way acting with  $b^\dagger$  on the  $b'$ -vacuums  $|0\rangle'$  :

$$|\varphi_n\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n!}} (b^\dagger)^n |0\rangle'. \quad (10)$$

The existence of the  $b'$ -vacuum  $|0\rangle' = |\varphi_0\rangle$  follows from the properties of the pseudo-Hermitian operators  $H$  with real spectra [6, 7]: the spectrum of  $H$  and  $H^\dagger$  coincide since they are related via a similarity transformation. In our case  $H = \tilde{b}b$ ,  $H^\dagger = b^\dagger \tilde{b}^\dagger \equiv b^\dagger b'$ .

Using the commutation relations of the above described ladder operators one can easily check that if  $\langle 0|0\rangle' = 1$  then the "prime" number-states  $|\varphi_n\rangle$  are *bi-orthonormalized* to  $|\psi_n\rangle$  (that is  $\langle \psi_n | \varphi_m \rangle = \delta_{nm}$ ), and form together the *bi-complete* system of states  $\{|\psi_n\rangle, |\varphi_n\rangle\}$ :

$$\sum_n |\psi_n\rangle \langle \varphi_n| = 1 = \sum_n |\varphi_n\rangle \langle \psi_n|. \quad (11)$$

The set  $\{|\psi_n\rangle, |\varphi_n\rangle\}$  can be called the set of Fock states for pseudo-Hermitian boson system (shortly *pseudo Fock states*). In terms of the projectors on these states the pseudo-boson ladder operators  $b, \tilde{b}$  can be represented as follows

$$\begin{aligned} b &= \sum_n \sqrt{n} |\psi_{n-1}\rangle \langle \varphi_n|, & \tilde{b} &= \sum_n \sqrt{n} |\psi_n\rangle \langle \varphi_{n-1}|, \\ b' &= \sum_n \sqrt{n} |\varphi_{n-1}\rangle \langle \psi_n|, & b^\dagger &= \sum_n \sqrt{n} |\varphi_n\rangle \langle \psi_{n-1}|. \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

Now consider the operator [6]

$$\eta = \sum_n |\varphi_n\rangle \langle \varphi_n|. \quad (13)$$

This is Hermitian, positive and invertible operator,  $\eta^{-1} = \sum_n |\psi_n\rangle \langle \psi_n|$ . From the above expressions of  $\eta$  and  $\eta^{-1}$  one can see that  $|\varphi_n\rangle = \eta |\psi_n\rangle$ .

Finally one can easily check (using (12) ) and (13) that  $\tilde{b}$  is  $\eta$ -pseudo-adjoint to  $b$ ,  $b'$  is  $\eta^{-1}$ -pseudo-adjoint to  $b^\dagger$ ,

$$\tilde{b} = \eta^{-1} b^\dagger \eta, \quad b' = \eta b \eta^{-1}, \quad (14)$$

and  $N$  and  $N'$  are  $\eta$ - and  $\eta^{-1}$  pseudo-Hermitian:  $N^\# := \eta^{-1} N^\dagger \eta = N$ ,  $(N')^\# := (\eta')^{-1} (N')^\dagger \eta' = N'$ ,  $\eta' = \eta^{-1}$ .

## 4 Pseudo-boson coherent states

We define coherent states (CS) for the pseudo-Hermitian boson systems as eigenstates of the corresponding pseudo-boson annihilation operators. In this aim we introduce the pseudo-unitary displacement operator  $D(\alpha) = \exp(\alpha b^\# - \alpha^* b)$  and construct eigenstates of  $b$  as displaced ground state  $|0\rangle$ ,

$$b|\alpha\rangle = \alpha|\alpha\rangle, \quad \rightarrow \quad |\alpha\rangle = D(\alpha)|0\rangle, \quad (15)$$

where  $\alpha \in C$ . Using BCS formula one gets the expansion

$$|\alpha\rangle = e^{-\frac{1}{2}|\alpha|^2} \sum_n \frac{\alpha^n}{\sqrt{n!}} |\psi_n\rangle. \quad (16)$$

The structures of the above two formulas are the same as those for the case Hermitian boson CS (the Glauber canonical CS [16]), but the properties of our  $D(\alpha)$  and  $|\alpha\rangle$  are different. First note that  $D(\alpha)$  is not unitary. Therefore  $|\alpha\rangle$  are not normalized. Second, the set  $\{|\alpha\rangle; \alpha \in C\}$  is not overcomplete (since  $|\psi_n\rangle$  are not orthogonal).

The way out of this impasse is to consider the eigenstates of the dual ladder operator  $b' = (b^\#)^\dagger$ , which take the analogous to (15) form,

$$b'|\alpha'\rangle = \alpha|\alpha'\rangle, \quad \rightarrow \quad |\alpha'\rangle = D'(\alpha)|0'\rangle, \quad (17)$$

where  $D'(\alpha) = \exp(\alpha b^\dagger - \alpha^* b')$  is the complementary pseudo-unitary displacement operator. Therefore the eigenstates  $|\alpha'\rangle$  are again non-normalized and do not form overcomplete set. However they are *bi-normalized* to  $|\alpha\rangle$  (that is  $\langle\alpha|\alpha'\rangle = 1$ ) and the system  $\{|\alpha\rangle, |\alpha'\rangle; \alpha \in C\}$  is *bi-overcomplete* in the following sense

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int d^2\alpha |\alpha'\rangle \langle\alpha| = 1, \quad \frac{1}{\pi} \int d^2\alpha |\alpha\rangle \langle\alpha'| = 1. \quad (18)$$

It is this bi-overcomplete set that we call *pseudo-boson CS*, or CS of pseudo-boson systems. More precisely they are  $\eta$ -pseudo-boson CS. When  $\eta = 1$  these states recover the famous Glauber CS  $|\alpha\rangle = \exp(\alpha a^\dagger - \alpha^* a)|0\rangle$ , where  $a, a^\dagger$  are canonical boson annihilation and creation operators.

## 5 Example

In this section we illustrate the above described scheme of construction of pseudo-boson Fock states and CS on the example of the following one-parameter family of non-Hermitian operators,

$$\begin{aligned} b(s) &= a + sa^\dagger, \\ \tilde{b}(s) &= sa + (1 + s^2)a^\dagger, \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

where  $s \in (-1, 1)$  and  $a, a^\dagger$  are Bose annihilation and creation operators:  $[a, a^\dagger] = 1$ . It is clear that  $b(0) = a$ ,  $\tilde{b}(0) = a^\dagger$  and  $\tilde{b}(s) \neq b^\dagger(s)$ . In this way the parameter  $s$  could be viewed as a measure of deviation of  $b(s)$  and  $b^\#(s)$  from the canonical boson operators  $a$  and  $a^\dagger$ .

### 5.1 Pseudo-boson Fock state wave functions

The  $b(s)$ - and  $b'$ -vacuums  $|0\rangle$  and  $|0\rangle'$  do exist. Using the coordinate representation of  $b(s)$  and  $\tilde{b}(s)$ ,

$$b(s) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( (1+s)x - (1-s) \frac{d}{dx} \right), \quad (20)$$

$$\tilde{b}(s) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( (s+1+s^2)x - (s-1-s^2) \frac{d}{dx} \right), \quad (21)$$

we find the wave functions of  $|0\rangle$  and  $|0\rangle'$  ( $\mathcal{N}(s) = (\pi(1-s)(1-s+s^2))^{-\frac{1}{4}}$ ):

$$\psi_0(x, s) = \mathcal{N}(s) \exp \left( -\frac{1+s}{2(1-s)} x^2 \right), \quad (22)$$

$$\varphi_0(x, s) = \mathcal{N}(s) \exp \left( -\frac{1+s+s^2}{2(1+s^2-s)} x^2 \right), \quad (23)$$

The above two wave functions are bi-normalized, that is  $\langle \varphi_0 | \psi_0 \rangle = 1$ , if the parameter  $s$  is restricted in the interval  $(-1, 1)$ , that is  $-1 < s < 1$ .

Therefore, according to Proposition 1 (and the related development in the previous section)  $\tilde{b}(s)$  is  $\eta$ -pseudo-adjoint to  $b(s)$  and (for  $s^2 < 1$ ) the bi-orthonormalized Fock states and bi-overcomplete CS can be explicitly realized. The wave functions of the pseudo-boson Fock states (6) and (10) are obtained in the following form:

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_n(x, s) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n n!}} P_n(x, s) \psi_0(x, s), \\ \varphi_n(x, s) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n n!}} Q_n(x, s) \varphi_0(x, s), \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

where  $P_n(x, s)$ ,  $Q_n(x, s)$  are polynomials of degree  $n$  in  $x$ , defined by means of the following recurrence relations

$$\begin{aligned} P_n &= \frac{2}{1-s} x P_{n-1} + (n-1) \frac{2(s-s^2-1)}{1-s} P_{n-2}, \\ Q_n &= \frac{2}{1+s^2-s} x Q_{n-1} + (n-1) \frac{2(s-1)}{1+s^2-s} Q_{n-2}. \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

For the first three values of  $n$ ,  $n = 0, 1, 2$ , the polynomials  $P_n(x, s)$  and  $Q_n(x, s)$  read:

$$\begin{aligned} P_0 &= 1, \quad P_1 = \frac{2}{1-s} x, \quad P_2 = \frac{4}{(1-s)^2} x^2 + \frac{2(s-s^2-1)}{1-s}, \\ Q_0 &= 1, \quad Q_1 = \frac{2}{1-s+s^2} x, \quad Q_2 = \frac{4}{(1-s+s^2)^2} x^2 + \frac{2(s-1)}{1-s+s^2}. \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

At  $s = 0$  these two polynomials  $P_n(x, 0)$  and  $Q_n(x, 0)$  coincide and recover the known Hermite polynomials  $H_n(x)$ . Therefore  $P_n(x, s)$  and  $Q_n(x, s)$  can

be viewed as two different generalizations of  $H_n(x)$ . They are not orthogonal. Instead of the orthogonality they satisfy the *bi-orthogonality* relations, the weight function being  $w(x, s) = \psi_0(x, s)\varphi_0(x, s)$ ,

$$\int P_n(x, s)Q_m(x, s) \psi_0(x)\varphi_0(x) = n!2^n \delta_{nm}. \quad (27)$$

Therefore  $P_n(x, s)$  and  $Q_n(x, s)$  realize *bi-orthogonal generalization* of  $H_n(x)$ . The relations between these three types of polynomials may be illustrated by the following diagram (where  $\mu(s) = 1/(1-s)(1-s+s^2)$ ):

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H_n(x) & \longrightarrow & \int H_n H_m e^{-x^2} dx = \sqrt{\pi} 2^n n! \delta_{nm} \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow & & \\ P_n(x) \quad Q_n(x) & \longrightarrow & \int P_n Q_m e^{-\mu(s)x^2} dx = \mathcal{N}^{-2}(s) 2^n n! \delta_{nm} \end{array}$$

It is worth emphasizing that the above bi-orthogonal generalization of  $H_n(x)$  is not unique. If instead of (19), we take another pair of operators satisfying the Proposition 1, say

$$\begin{aligned} b_2(s) &= a + sa^\dagger, \\ \tilde{b}_2(s) &= -sa + (1-s^2)a^\dagger, \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

and apply the above described scheme, we would get another similar pair of bi-orthogonal polynomials.

## 5.2 Pseudo-boson CS wave functions

In coordinate representation equations (15), (17) for the eigenstates of  $b(s)$  and  $b'(s) = b^{\# \dagger}(s)$  ( $b(s)$  being given in (20)) lead to the following wave functions for any  $\alpha \in C$ ,

$$\psi_\alpha(x, s) = \mathcal{N}(s, \alpha) \exp \left[ -\frac{1+s}{2(1-s)} x^2 + \frac{\sqrt{2}\alpha}{1-s} x \right], \quad (29)$$

$$\varphi_\alpha(x, s) = \mathcal{N}'(s, \alpha) \exp \left[ -\frac{1+s+s^2}{2(1-s+s^2)} x^2 + \frac{\sqrt{2}\alpha}{1-s+s^2} x \right], \quad (30)$$

where  $\mathcal{N}$  and  $\mathcal{N}'$  are bi-normalization constants. Up to constant phase factors they are determined by the bi-normalization condition  $\langle \psi_\alpha | \varphi_\alpha \rangle = 1$ . We put  $\alpha = \alpha_1 + i\alpha_2$  and find

$$\begin{aligned} (N^* N')^{-1} &= \int \exp \left[ -\frac{x^2}{(1-s)(1-s+s^2)} + \sqrt{2}x \frac{(2-2s+s^2)\alpha_1 + i\alpha_2 s^2}{(1-s)(1-s+s^2)} \right] dx \\ &= \sqrt{\pi(1-s)(1-s+s^2)} \exp \left[ \frac{(2\alpha_1 - 2\alpha_1 s + \alpha_1 s^2 + i\alpha_2 s^2)^2}{2(1-s)(1-s+s^2)} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

At  $s = 0$  we get, up to a constant phase factor,  $\mathcal{N} = \mathcal{N}' = (1/\pi^{1/4}) \exp(-\alpha_1^2)$ . At  $s = 0$  both  $\psi_\alpha(x, 0)$  and  $\varphi_\alpha(x, 0)$  recover the wave functions of Glauber canonical CS.

The constructed Fock states and CS are time independent, and can be used as initial states (initial conditions) of pseudo-boson systems. Important question arises of the *temporal stability* of these states. In analogy with the case of Hermitian mechanics we define temporal stability of a given set of states by the requirement the time evolved states to belong to the same set. This means that, up to a time-dependent phase factor, the time-dependence of any state from the initial set should be included in the time-dependent parameters only. Clearly the time dependent parameters should remain in the same domain as defined initially.

For our CS the temporal stability means that the time evolved wave functions  $\psi_\alpha(x, s, t)$ ,  $\varphi_\alpha(x, s, t)$  should keep the form

$$\begin{aligned}\psi_\alpha(x, s, t) &= e^{i\chi(t)}\psi_{\alpha(t)}(x, s), \\ \varphi_\alpha(x, s, t) &= e^{i\chi'(t)}\varphi_{\alpha(t)}(x, s),\end{aligned}\tag{32}$$

where  $\chi(t), \chi'(t) \in R$ ,  $\alpha(t) \in C$  and  $s(t)^2 < 1$ . It is clear, that if the time evolved CS obey (32) they remain eigenstates of the same ladder operators  $b(s)$  and  $b'(s)$ . (Let us recall at this point that we are in the Schrödinger picture, where operators are time-independent). As an illustration consider now the time evolution of CS governed by the simple pseudo-Hermitian Hamiltonian

$$H_{\text{po}} = \omega \left( b^\#(s)b(s) + \frac{1}{2} \right),\tag{33}$$

where  $b^\#(s) = \eta^{-1}b^\dagger(s)\eta$ ,  $\omega \in R_+$ . System with Hamiltonian of the type (33) should be called *pseudo-Hermitian oscillator*. At  $s = 0$  it coincides with the Hermitian harmonic oscillator of frequency  $\omega$ . In pseudo-Hermitian mechanics the time evolution of initial  $\psi_\alpha(x, s)$  and  $\varphi_\alpha(x, s)$ , by definition, is given by

$$\begin{aligned}\psi_\alpha(x, s, t) &= e^{-iHt}\psi_\alpha(x, s), \\ \varphi_\alpha(x, s, t) &= e^{-iH^\dagger t}\varphi_\alpha(x, s),\end{aligned}\tag{34}$$

For  $H = H_{\text{po}}$  equations (34) produce

$$\begin{aligned}\psi_\alpha(x, s, t) &= e^{-i\omega t/2}\psi_{\alpha(t)}(x, s), \\ \varphi_\alpha(x, s, t) &= e^{-i\omega t/2}\varphi_{\alpha(t)}(x, s), \quad \alpha(t) = \alpha e^{-i\omega t},\end{aligned}\tag{35}$$

which shows that the evolution of CS, governed by the pseudo-Hermitian oscillator Hamiltonian  $H_{\text{po}}$  is temporally stable. Comparing (35) and (32) we see that for the system (33) the time-evolved CS remain stable with constant  $s$ ,  $\alpha(t) = \alpha e^{-i\omega t}$  and  $\chi = -i\omega t/2$ .

Finally it is worth noting that the pseudo-Hermitian Hamiltonian  $H_{\text{po}}$  has *unbroken PT*-symmetry [1]. Indeed, from (20) and (20) it follows that  $PTH_{\text{po}}PT = H_{\text{po}}$ , and from (24) and (25) it follows that all eigenstates of  $H_{\text{po}}$  (and of  $H_{\text{po}}^\dagger$  as well) are eigenvectors of *PT* with eigenvalue  $+1$  or  $-1$ .



## Conclusion

We have shown that if the commutator of two non-Hermitian operators  $b$  and  $\tilde{b}$  equals 1 and  $b$  annihilates a state  $\psi_0$  then  $\tilde{b}$  is  $\eta$ -pseudo-Hermitian adjoint  $b^\#$  of  $b$  and  $b^\dagger$  is  $\eta^{-1}$ -pseudo-adjoint of  $(\tilde{b}^\#)^\dagger$ . Eigenstates of the pseudo-boson number operator  $b^\#b$  and its adjoint  $b^\dagger(b^\#)^\dagger$  form a bi-orthonormal system of pseudo-boson Fock states, while eigenstates of  $b$  and its complementary lowering operator  $b' = (b^\#)^\dagger$  are shown to form *bi-normalized and bi-overcomplete* system. This system of states is regarded as system of coherent states (CS) for pseudo-Hermitian bosons. We have provided a simple one-parameter family of ladder operators  $b(s)$  and  $\tilde{b}(s)$  that possess the above described properties and constructed the wave functions of the related Fock states and CS. Fock state wave functions are obtained as product of an exponential of a quadratic form of  $x$  and one of the two new polynomials  $P_n(x)$ ,  $Q_n(x)$  that are bi-orthogonal and at  $s = 0$  recover the standard Hermite orthogonal polynomials. The pseudo-boson CS are shown to be temporally stable for the pseudo-boson oscillator Hamiltonian  $\omega (b^\#(s)b(s) + 1/2)$ .

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